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SUBJECT: KUDIRKA'S ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES

1. LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN SEAMAN SIMAS KUDIRKA, HIS WIFE, MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN ARRIVED IN NEW YORK AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 5 (WHEN FACED WITH OPTION OF GOING TO CHICAGO OR NEW YORK, HE CHOSE LATTER BECAUSE FAMILY FRIENDS LIVED NEARBY).

2. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND KUDIRKA HAD VERY ROUGH TREATMENT IN PRISON, HE AND FAMILY WERE TREATED CORRECTLY BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES FROM TIME OF HIS RELEASE UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW NOVEMBER 5.
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3. WITH KUDIRKA'S FULL COOPERATION, WE HELD INFORMATION ABOUT TIME AND PLACE OF HIS ARRIVAL CLOSELY, AND ONLY FEW NEWSMEN WERE ON HAND WHEN HE ARRIVED.

4. IF ASKED BY PRESS, WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT JOINS ALL AMERICANS IN WELCOMING KUDIRKA AND HIS FAMILY TO US AND IS GRATIFIED BY THIS SOVIET GESTURE. WHITE HOUSE WILL DECLINE COMMENT ON POSSIBLE SOVIET MOTIVES AND WILL NOT DETAIL ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS ON KUDIRKA'S BEHALF.

5. IF ASKED, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL SAY THAT KUDIRKAS DETERMINED THEIR OWN ITINERARY, THAT CIRCUMSTANCES OF ARRIVAL (I.E., NO PRESS CONFERENCE) WERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAMILY'S WISHES, AND THAT FAMILY NOW PLANS TO REST AT HOME OF FAMILY FRIENDS.

6. DEPARTMENT INFORMED OFFICES OF ALL INTERESTED CONGRESSMEN -- INCLUDING JAVITS, PERCY AND JACKSON -- OF ARRIVAL MID-DAY NOVEMBER 5. INGERSOLL

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